GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4028
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NHRC REPORT ON NANDIGRAM VIOLENCE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether human bones have been found in Nandigram as reported in `Navbharat Times` dated December 13, 2007;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of the report submitted by the NHRC on Nandigram violence?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): As per available information, a grave was found in a paddy field of Parul Bari village under PS Nandigram, West Bengal on 10.12.2007. This grave was dug on 12.12.2007 in the presence of a Magistrate, Central Bureau of Investigation and State Police Officers,and one dead body kept in a gunny bag was found therein.

(b): Further action in the matter falls within the domain of the State Government.

(c): NHRC in its Report dated 19.12.2007 recommended,inter-alia,immediate steps for rehabilitation of all the villagers who have been displaced and whose houses are being damaged; continued deployment of CRPF till the completion of the Panchayat elections;maintenance of proper record of all medico-legal cases, proper treatment and diagnosis of female victims/patients, proper infrastructure and sufficient manpower to all the Govt. hospitals etc.; welfare measures in the disturbed areas so as to regain the faith and confidence of the villagers;L.S.U.S. Q.NO.4028 FOR 22.4.2008 immediate and impartial comprehensive survey of the losses suffered by the villagers; free registration of criminal cases and immediate arrest of accused after impartial investigation;constitution of a special team to determine the actual number of missing persons and necessary steps to trace them;timely preparation of a comprehensive plan to maintain law and order during the Panchayat elections;reconsideration of the pros and cons of policy of acquiring fertile agricultural and cultivable lands from the farmers for setting up Special Economic Zone, etc. A separate Committee recommended certain suggestions regarding compensation for damage that occurred.